

Symposium Announcement



Invasive Asian Carps in North America: A Forum on Their Biology and Management

Aug 22 - 23 • 2006 Peoria, Illinois

Native to Asia, the bighead, black, silver, and grass carps are large fishes considered invasive in the United States. Bighead and silver carps are highly abundant in the Mississippi River basin. Black and grass carps, with their efficient and specialized feeding strategies, are also considered nuisance species. This symposium provides continuing education on Asian carp biology and a forum for dissemination of the most up-to-date information on the biology, management, and control of these fishes.



Special guest presenter: Professor Zhitang Yu has devoted a career to the study of the biology and ecology of large river fishes in China, especially Asian carps and sturgeons. He brings a unique experience and perspective to Asian carp problem in the United States.

Visit <http://www.asiancarp.org>

Click on the symposium link for information on registration, the symposium agenda, hotel accommodations, or for more information on Asian carps in the United States.

Sponsors

Mississippi Interstate Conservation Resource Association (MICRA) • The Nature Conservancy
Mississippi River Basin Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species • USGS, Columbia Environmental Research Center
Illinois Chapter of the American Fisheries Society Upper • Upper Mississippi River Conservation Committee
Illinois Department of Natural Resources • Professional Association of Conservation Resource Managers

Call for Presentations

Deadline: May 26, 2006

You are invited to submit a paper or poster on biological research, modeling, or education/outreach efforts related to the following topics:

- Prevention of new carp introductions
- Containment of existing populations
- Control of existing feral populations including market development
- Minimization of adverse impacts



Chris Young, The Stage Journal Register, Springfield, IL.



Rick Smith, Big River Fish Corp

One method of Asian carp control is commercial harvest. In China, carps are over-harvested, but little demand for these fish currently exists in the United States.

Platform presentations: Presentations last 20 minutes including 5 minutes for questions, and will be grouped in a logical order within the conference.

Posters: maximum size 3' X 6'
We have a large space for posters and encourage your participation in a special poster session on the evening of Aug 22nd. You may have a poster in addition to a paper.

To submit an abstract, visit <http://www.asiancarp.org>, and follow the links to the abstract submission form.

Presenters of platform presentations or posters must pay the normal registration fee. After abstracts are submitted and selected, publication of a proceedings will be considered. Presenters should indicate if they desire publication in that proceedings. If a proceedings is generated, published papers must undergo peer review.